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1. The Communist lawyer, Juan Francisco Mujica, who has been assigned the task of reporting periodically to the Partido Comunista de Colombia (PCC) on the organization of a company to take over the De Mares oil concession, recently concluded his first report by recommending that Party leaders immediately consider ways and means of placing agents in the new company.
2. Mujica described the struggle between private investors and the government to control the majority of the capital. He said the outcome would depend on how much private capital was raised, but he felt that private management would win out. He believed that foreign capital would inevitably find its way into the new company, probably through individual Colombian capitalists. He said that Argentines would like to invest in the company but would probably not be permitted to do so. Mujica based this latter statement on the premise that ex-President Alfonso Lopez, who does not favor Argentine investment according to Mujica, would be president of the new company.
3. Mujica argued that the opportunity for Communist penetration is greatest during the early stage of the new company's formation. He also recommended that the Party intensify its efforts to organize labor in the oil fields, particularly at Barrancabermeja, where the main holdings of the new company would be. Mujica said that Rafael Lopez Atchortua had not built a satisfactory organization in Barrancabermeja, and he recommended that the Secretary General designate another organizer for that area.

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